

tonight at 10:30 p.m. eastern time, to talk about the importance of doing the responsible thing. The easy thing? No. The tough decisions, the right decisions, and the responsible decisions that we were elected to come to Washington to make.

Mr. President, we are on the eve of a very historic time, and I am proud that I believe we are going to do the right thing tomorrow. The Senate is going to put aside all of the differences that we might have and priorities and pass a balanced budget that will start our 7-year march to the time when we will begin to start paying down that long-term debt.

Mr. President, I thank you. I am soon going to move to close. Does the Senator from Iowa have anything further?

Mr. GRASSLEY. No.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Forces.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT RELATIVE TO EMIGRATION LAWS AND POLICIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 51

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby transmit a report concerning emigration laws and policies of the Republic of Romania as required by subsections 402(b) and 409(b) of Title IV of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("the Act"). I have determined that Romania is in full compliance with the criteria in subsections 402(a) and 409(a) of the Act. As required by Title IV, I will provide the Congress with periodic reports regarding Romania's compliance with these emigration standards.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 19, 1995.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services, I report favorably the attached listing of nominations.

Those identified with a single asterisk (*) are to be placed on the Execu-

tive Calendar. Those identified with a double asterisk (**) are to lie on the Secretary's desk for the information of any Senator since these names have already appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of April 24, May 2, and May 11, 1995, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar, that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

*In the Air Force there are 42 appointments to the grade of brigadier general (list begins with Patrick O. Adams) (Reference No. 216)

*In the Air Force there are 24 appointments to the grade of major general (list begins with Kurt B. Anderson) (Reference No. 217)

*Major General Ronald V. Hite, USA to be lieutenant general (Reference No. 253)

*Vice Admiral David M. Bennett, USN to be placed on the retired list in the grade of vice admiral (Reference No. 267)

*Rear Admiral Harold M. Koenig, USN to be Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and Surgeon General and to be vice admiral (Reference No. 283)

*Lieutenant General Charles E. Dominy, USA to be placed on the retired list in the grade of lieutenant general (Reference No. 287)

*Lieutenant General Joseph W. Ralston, USAF to be general (Reference No. 313)

*Major General Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF to be lieutenant general (Reference No. 314)

*Rear Admiral James R. Fitzgerald, USN to be vice admiral (Reference No. 318)

*Brigadier General Sam C. Turk, USAR to be major general (Reference No. 338)

**In the Marine Corps there are 300 promotions to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list begins with William E. Acker) (Reference No. 345)

*Lieutenant General Malcolm B. Armstrong, USAF to be placed on the retired list in the grade of lieutenant general (Reference No. 356)

*Major General Charles T. Robertson, Jr., USAF to be lieutenant general (Reference No. 357)

*Lieutenant General Edwin E. Tenoso, USAF for reappointment to the grade of lieutenant general (Reference No. 358)

**In the Air Force Reserve there are 2 appointments to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list begins with David R. Andrews) (Reference No. 359)

**In the Marine Corps there are 472 appointments to the grade of lieutenant colonel and below (list begins with James C. Addington) (Reference No. 360)

*Lieutenant General Ronald H. Griffith, USA to be Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and to be general (Reference No. 366)

*General John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA for reappointment to the grade of general (Reference No. 367)

*Major General George A. Fisher, Jr., USA to be lieutenant general (Reference No. 368)

*Colonel James R. Helmly, USAR to be brigadier general (Reference No. 371)

*In the Army Reserve there are 11 promotions to the grade of major general and below (list begins with John T. Crowe) (Reference No. 380)

*Colonel Fletcher M. Lamkin, Jr., USA to be Dean of the Academic Board, United States Military Academy, and to be brigadier general (Reference No. 381)

*Rear Admiral Brent M. Bennett, USN to be vice admiral (Reference No. 382)

**In the Army there are 1,152 promotions to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list begins with Scott L. Abbott) (Reference No. 383)

Total: 2,020.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 841. A bill to increase the special assessment for felonies and improve the enforcement of sentences imposing criminal fines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ASHCROFT (for himself, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. SMITH, Mr. INHOFE, and Mr. KEMPTHORNE):

S. 842. A bill to replace the aid to families with dependent children with a block grant to the States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 843. A bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 to convert the food stamp program into a block grant program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

S. 844. A bill to replace the medicaid program with a block grant to the States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 845. A bill to replace the supplemental security income program for the disabled and blind with a block grant to the States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 846. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for charitable contributions to certain private charities providing assistance to the poor thereby improving Federal welfare efforts through increased activity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GREGG (for himself, Mr. REID, Mr. COATS, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. KYL, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 847. A bill to terminate the agricultural price support and production adjustment programs for sugar, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 841. A bill to increase the special assessment for felonies and improve the enforcement of sentences imposing criminal fines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

THE CRIME VICTIMS ASSISTANCE IMPROVEMENT ACT

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to assist those who are often ignored in our ongoing struggle against crime: the victims: The Crime Victims Assistance Improvement Act increases and improves collection of crime fines which are deposited into the crime victims fund. This fund provides desperately needed help to crime victims across this country.

I am pleased that this legislation has been supported by the National Organization for Victim Assistance, the American Legislative Exchange Council, Crimestrike, and the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

First, this bill doubles the mandatory special assessment charged to every convicted Federal felon. The current special assessment is \$50 for each